

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for recovering electronic documents archived in a data storage mechanism comprising:
a computer connected with said data storage mechanism, where the computer retrieves a stored data file comprising ~~original~~ electronic document data information and further wherein the retrieved stored data file is ~~automatically analyzed~~ based on file content and file characteristics, and categorized into one or more of a plurality of distinct categories.
2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the computer is connected via a network connection to the data storage mechanism.
3. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the computer is connected via a wireless network connection to the data storage mechanism.
4. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the further data storage mechanism is a hard drive.
5. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the further data storage mechanism is a tape drive.
6. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the further data storage mechanism is a DVD.
7. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the further data storage mechanism is a CD-ROM.

8. (Currently Amended) A method for recovering electronic ~~mail documents~~ archived in a data storage mechanism comprising the steps of:

providing a computer with access to said data storage mechanism;

retrieving a stored data file comprising ~~original~~ electronic ~~mail document~~ data information from the data storage mechanism; and further ~~wherein analyzing~~ the retrieved stored data file ~~is automatically analyzed based on file content and file characteristics~~, and ~~categorized~~ categorizing into one or more of a plurality of distinct categories.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the computer is connected via a network connection to the data storage mechanism.

10. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the computer is connected via a wireless network connection to the data storage mechanism.

11. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the further data storage mechanism is a hard drive.

12. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the further data storage mechanism is a tape drive.

13. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the further data storage mechanism is a DVD.

14. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the further data storage mechanism is a CD-ROM.

15. (New) The system of claim 1 wherein the stored data file is analyzed using the file's last modified date, file size, file path or MD5 hash value.

16. (New) The method of claim 8 wherein said step of analyzing comprises analyzing the file's last modified date, file size, file path or MD5 hash values.

17. (New) A method for recovering electronic documents archived in a data storage mechanism comprising the steps of:

providing a computer with access to said data storage mechanism;

retrieving a stored data file comprising electronic document data information from the data storage mechanism;

analyzing the retrieved stored data file based on file content and file characteristics;

categorizing into one or more of a plurality of distinct categories; and

comparing said stored data file to detect deletions or modifications.

18. (New) The method of claim 17 wherein said step of analyzing comprises analyzing the file's last modified date, file size, file path or MD5 hash value.

19. (New) The system of claim 1 further comprising a comparison of said stored data file to detect deletions or modifications.

20. (New) The method of claim 8 further comprising comparing said stored data file to detect deletions or modifications.